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**RESPONSE**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action of July 1, 2005, and the restriction requirement under 35 U.S.C. 121, the applicant elects, with traverse, Group I of the Inventions identified by Examiner. This Group relates to a helical anchor shown in Figures 1A-C, 2- 7, 11-13, 13A, 22 – 25, 37 – 39. Claim 1 – 5 and 16 – 28 read on the in-situ pile apparatus of the present invention. Claims 1-5, 16, 18 – 28 read on the helical anchor, while claim 17 reads on the drive means.

The applicant reserves the right to file a divisional application on the non-elected Groups and Species before prosecution of the instant application is closed.

It is believed that all requirements of the Examiner have been met, and examination of the claims on the merits is respectfully requested.

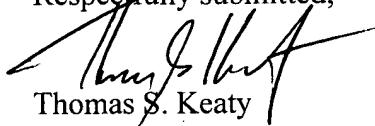
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